

All District Engineers

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Special Provision, Pavement Thickness Determination for Payment

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Construction, the Bureau of Design and Environment and industry to ascertain pavement thickness for determination of payment for full depth bituminous concrete and all pcc pavements. It has been revised to make minor corrections and to clarify when it applies.

This special provision should be inserted into all projects including and over 840 square meters (1000 sq yd) of contiguous pavement

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the January 16, 2004 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include the paper copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory September 26, 2003.

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## **PAVEMENT THICKNESS DETERMINATION FOR PAYMENT (BDE)**

Effective: April 1, 1999

Revised: January 1, 2004

Description. This work shall consist of determining pavement thickness for payment for full depth bituminous concrete and all pcc pavements. Pavement pay items that individually contain at least 840 sq m (1000 sq yd) of contiguous pavement will be subject to this Special Provision with the following exclusions: temporary pavements; variable width pavement; radius returns and side streets less than 125 m (400 ft) in length; and turn lanes of constant width less than 125 m (400 ft) in length. The areas of pavement excluded from the pay adjustment as described in this Special Provision will be cored according to Article 407.10 of the Standard Specifications. Temporary pavements are defined as pavements constructed and removed under this contract.

Materials. Rapid set materials shall be obtained from the Department's approved list of Packaged, Dry, Rapid Hardening Cementitious Materials For Concrete Repairs. Coarse aggregate may be added to the mortar if allowed by the manufacturer's instructions on the package. Mixing shall be according to the manufacture's recommendations.

Equipment. Cores shall be taken utilizing an approved coring machine. The cores shall have a diameter of 50 mm (2 in.). The cores shall be measured utilizing an approved measuring device.

### **CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

Tolerance in Thickness. Determination of the pavement thickness shall be performed after the pavement surface tests and all corrective grinding are complete according to Article 407.09 of the Standard Specifications. Adjustments made in the contract unit price for pavement thickness will be in addition to and independent of those made for the Profile Index.

The pavement will be divided into approximately equal lots of not more than 1500 m (5000 ft) in length. When the length of a continuous strip of pavement is less than 1500 m (5000 ft), these short lengths of pavement, ramps, turn lanes, and other short sections of continuous pavement shall be grouped together to form lots of approximately 1500 m (5000 ft) in length. Short segments between structures will be measured continuously with the structure segments omitted. Each lot will be subdivided into ten equal sublots. The width of a subplot and lot will be the width from the pavement edge to the adjacent lane line, from one lane line to the next, or between pavement edges for single-lane pavements.

Fifty millimeter (Two inch) cores shall be taken from the pavement by the Contractor at random locations selected by the Engineer. When computing the thickness of a lot, one core will be taken per subplot. Core locations will be specified by the Engineer prior to beginning the coring operations.

The Contractor and the Engineer shall witness the coring operations, the measurement, and recording of the cores. Core measurements will be determined immediately upon removal from

the core bit and prior to moving to the next core location. Upon concurrence of the length, the core samples may be discarded.

Patching Holes. Upon completion of coring, all core holes shall be filled with a rapid set mortar or concrete. Only enough water to permit placement and consolidation by rodding shall be used, and the material shall be struck-off flush with the adjacent pavement.

For a rapid set mortar mixture, one part packaged rapid set cement shall be combined with two parts fine aggregate, by volume; or a packaged rapid set mortar shall be used. For a rapid set concrete mixture, a packaged rapid set mortar shall be combined with coarse aggregate according to the manufacturer's instructions or a packaged rapid set concrete shall be used. Mixing of a rapid set mortar or concrete shall be according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Deficient Sublot. When the thickness of the core in a sublot is deficient by more than ten percent of plan thickness, the Contractor will have the option of taking three additional cores selected at random by the Engineer within the same sublot at the Contractor's expense. The thickness of the additional three cores will be averaged with the original core thickness. When the average thickness shows the sublot to be deficient by ten percent or less, no additional action is necessary. If the Contractor chooses not to take additional cores, the pavement in the sublot shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense. When additional cores are taken and the average thickness of the additional cores show the sublot to be deficient by more than ten percent, the pavement in that sublot shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense. When requested in writing by the Contractor, the Engineer, at his/her option, may permit in writing such thin pavement to remain in place. For Bituminous Concrete Pavement (Full Depth) allowed to remain in place, additional lift(s) may be placed, at the Contractor's expense, to bring the deficient pavement to plan thickness when the Engineer determines grade control conditions will permit such lift(s). The material thickness(es), areas to be overlaid, and method of placement used for additional lift(s) will be approved by the Engineer. When the thin pavement is removed and replaced or additional lifts are placed, the replacement pavement will be retested for thickness at the Contractor's expense. When the thin pavement is left in place and no additional lift(s) are placed, no payment will be made for the deficient pavement sublot. The thickness of the original core taken in the sublot will be used in determining the payment for the entire lot and no adjustment to the pay factor will be made for any corrective action taken.

Deficient Lot. After analyzing the cores, the Percent Within Limits will be calculated. A lot of pavement represented by the Percent Within Limits (PWL) of 60 percent or less, shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense. When requested in writing by the Contractor, the Engineer, at his/her option, may permit in writing such pavement to remain in place. For Bituminous Concrete Pavement (Full Depth), allowed to remain in place, additional lift(s) may be placed, at the Contractor's expense, to bring the deficient pavement to plan thickness when the Engineer determines grade control conditions will permit such lift(s). The material, thickness(es), areas to be overlaid and method of placement used for the additional lift(s) will be approved by the Engineer. After either corrective action, the Contractor shall core the lot according to the "Coring Procedures" at no additional cost to the Department. The PWL will then be recalculated for the lot, however, the pay factor for the lot will be a maximum of 100 percent. When requested in writing by the Contractor, the Engineer, at his/her option, may

permit in writing, the lot to remain in place. When the lot is left in place and no additional lifts are placed the pay factor for the lot will be based on the calculated PWL.

Right of Discovery. When the Engineer has reason to believe the random core selection process will not accurately represent the true conditions of the work, he/she may order cores in addition to those specified. The additional cores shall be taken at specific locations determined by the Engineer. The Engineer will provide notice to the Contractor containing an explanation of the reasons for his/her action. These additional cores and locations will be determined prior to commencement of coring operations. When the additional cores show the pavement to be deficient by more than ten percent, additional cores shall be taken at locations determined by the Engineer to determine the limits of the deficient pavement area. The deficient pavement area will be defined as the area between two acceptable cores. An acceptable core is a core with a thickness of 90 percent or more of plan thickness. The defined pavement area shall be removed and replaced at the Contractor's expense. When requested by the Contractor, the Engineer, at his/her option, may permit in writing such thin pavement to remain in place. On Bituminous Concrete Pavement (Full Depth) allowed to remain in place, additional lift(s) may be placed to bring the deficient pavement to plan thickness when the Engineer determines that grade control conditions will permit such lift(s). The material, thickness(es), areas to be overlaid and method of placement for the additional lift(s) will be approved by the Engineer. When the thin pavement is removed and replaced or additional lifts are placed, the replacement pavement will be retested for thickness at the Contractor's expense. When the thin pavement is left in place and no additional lift(s) are placed, no payment will be made for the deficient pavement. When the additional cores show the pavement to be deficient by ten percent or less the additional cores will be paid for according to Article 109.04. When the additional cores show the pavement to be deficient by more than ten percent the additional cores taken in the deficient area shall be at the Contractor's expense.

Profile Index Adjustment. After any section of pavement is removed and replaced or any additional lifts are added, the corrected areas shall be tested for pavement smoothness and any necessary Profile Index adjustments and/or corrections will be made based on these final profile readings. Such surface testing shall be performed at the Contractor's expense.

Core Analysis. Cores will be analyzed according to the following:

(a) Definition:

- $x_i$  = Individual values (core lengths) under consideration
- $n$  = Number of individual values under consideration  
(10 per lot)
- $\bar{x}$  = Average of the values under consideration
- LSL = Lower Specification Limit (LSL = 0.98 plan thickness for pavement)
- $Q_L$  = Lower Quality Index
- $S$  = Sample Standard Deviation
- PWL = Percent Within Limits

Determine  $\bar{x}$  for the lot to the nearest two decimal places.

Compute the sample standard deviation to the nearest three decimal places using:

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}} \quad \text{where} \quad \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = (x_1 - \bar{x})^2 + (x_2 - \bar{x})^2 + \dots + (x_{10} - \bar{x})^2$$

Determine the Lower Quality Index to the nearest two decimal places using:

$$Q_L = \frac{(\bar{x} - LSL)}{S}$$

Determine the percentage that will fall above the Lower Specification Limit (LSL) by going to the attached Table and utilizing calculated  $Q_L$ . Read the appropriate PWL value from the Table. For  $Q_L$  values less than zero the value shown in the table must be subtracted from 100 to obtain PWL.

Pay Adjustment. The following pay adjustment equation will be used to determine (to the nearest two decimal places) the pay factor for each lot.

Pay Factor (PF) in percent =  $55 + 0.5 (\text{PWL})$

If  $\bar{x}$  for a lot is less than the plan thickness, the maximum pay factor for that lot will be 100 percent.

Total Payment. The payment will be based on the appropriate pay items in Sections 407, 420, and 421. The final payment will be adjusted according to the following equation:

$$\text{Total Payment} = \text{TPF}[\text{CUP} (\text{TOTPAVT} - \text{DEFP AVT})]$$

TPF = Total Pay Factor

CUP = Contract Unit Price

TOTPAVT = Area of Pavement Subject to Coring

DEFP AVT = Area of Deficient Pavement

The TPF for the entire pavement will be the average of the PF for all the lots, however, not more than 102 percent of plan quantity will be paid.

Deficient pavement is defined as an area of pavement represented by a subplot deficient by more than 10 percent which is left in place with no additional thickness added.

All work involved in determining the total payment will be included in the contract unit prices of the pay items involved.

# Percent Within Limits

Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)	Quality Index (Q)*	Percent in Limits (PWL)
0.00	50.00	.040	65.07	0.80	78.43	1.20	88.76	1.60	95.46	2.00	98.83	2.40	99.89
0.01	50.38	0.41	65.43	0.81	78.72	1.21	88.97	1.61	95.58	2.01	98.88	2.41	99.90
0.02	50.77	0.42	65.79	0.82	79.02	1.22	89.17	1.62	95.70	2.02	98.92	2.42	99.91
0.03	51.15	0.43	66.15	0.83	79.31	1.23	89.38	1.63	95.81	2.03	98.97	2.43	99.91
0.04	51.54	0.44	66.51	0.84	79.61	1.24	89.58	1.64	95.93	2.04	99.01	2.44	99.92
0.05	51.92	0.45	66.87	0.85	79.90	1.25	89.79	1.65	96.05	2.05	99.06	2.45	99.93
0.06	52.30	0.46	67.22	0.86	80.19	1.26	89.99	1.66	96.16	2.06	99.10	2.46	99.94
0.07	52.69	0.47	67.57	0.87	80.47	1.27	90.19	1.67	96.27	2.07	99.14	2.47	99.94
0.08	53.07	0.48	67.93	0.88	80.76	1.28	90.38	1.68	96.37	2.08	99.18	2.48	99.95
0.09	53.46	0.49	68.28	0.89	81.04	1.29	90.58	1.69	96.48	2.09	99.22	2.49	99.95
0.10	53.84	0.50	68.63	0.90	81.33	1.30	90.78	1.70	96.59	2.10	99.26	2.50	99.96
0.11	54.22	0.51	68.98	0.91	81.61	1.31	90.96	1.71	96.69	2.11	99.29	2.51	99.96
0.12	54.60	0.52	69.32	0.92	81.88	1.32	91.15	1.72	96.78	2.12	99.32	2.52	99.97
0.13	54.99	0.53	69.67	0.93	82.16	1.33	91.33	1.73	96.88	2.13	99.36	2.53	99.97
0.14	55.37	0.54	70.01	0.94	82.43	1.34	91.52	1.74	96.97	2.14	99.39	2.54	99.98
0.15	55.75	0.55	70.36	0.95	82.71	1.35	91.70	1.75	97.07	2.15	99.42	2.55	99.98
0.16	56.13	0.56	70.70	0.96	82.97	1.36	91.87	1.76	97.16	2.16	99.45	2.56	99.98
0.17	56.51	0.57	71.04	0.97	83.24	1.37	92.04	1.77	97.25	2.17	99.48	2.57	99.98
0.18	56.89	0.58	71.38	0.98	83.50	1.38	92.22	1.78	97.33	2.18	99.50	2.58	99.99
0.19	57.27	0.59	71.72	0.99	83.77	1.39	92.39	1.79	97.42	2.19	99.53	2.59	99.99
0.20	57.65	0.60	72.06	1.00	84.03	1.40	92.56	1.80	97.51	2.20	99.56	2.60	99.99
0.21	58.03	0.61	72.39	1.01	84.28	1.41	92.72	1.81	97.59	2.21	99.58	2.61	99.99
0.22	58.40	0.62	72.72	1.02	84.53	1.42	92.88	1.82	97.67	2.22	99.61	2.62	99.99
0.23	58.78	0.63	73.06	1.03	84.79	1.43	93.05	1.83	97.75	2.23	99.63	2.63	100.00
0.24	59.15	0.64	73.39	1.04	85.04	1.44	93.21	1.84	97.83	2.22	99.66	2.64	100.00
0.25	59.53	0.65	73.72	1.05	85.29	1.45	93.37	1.85	97.91	2.25	99.68	≥ 2.65	100.00
0.26	59.90	0.66	74.04	1.06	85.53	1.46	93.52	1.86	97.98	2.26	99.70		
0.27	60.28	0.67	74.36	1.07	85.77	1.47	93.67	1.87	98.05	2.27	99.72		
0.28	60.65	0.68	74.69	1.08	86.02	1.48	93.83	1.88	98.11	2.28	99.73		
0.29	61.03	0.69	75.01	1.09	86.26	1.49	93.98	1.89	98.18	2.29	99.75		
0.30	61.40	0.70	75.33	1.10	86.50	1.50	94.13	1.90	98.25	2.30	99.77		
0.31	61.77	0.71	75.64	1.11	86.73	1.51	94.27	1.91	98.31	2.31	99.78		
0.32	62.14	0.72	75.96	1.12	86.96	1.52	94.41	1.92	98.37	2.32	99.80		
0.33	62.51	0.73	76.27	1.13	87.20	1.53	94.54	1.93	98.44	2.33	99.81		
0.34	62.88	0.74	76.59	1.14	87.43	1.54	94.68	1.94	98.50	2.34	99.83		
0.35	63.25	0.75	76.90	1.15	87.66	1.55	94.82	1.95	98.56	2.35	99.84		
0.36	63.61	0.76	77.21	1.16	87.88	1.56	94.95	1.96	98.61	2.36	99.85		
0.37	63.98	0.77	77.51	1.17	88.10	1.57	95.08	1.97	98.67	2.37	99.86		
0.38	64.34	0.78	77.82	1.18	88.32	1.58	95.20	1.98	98.72	2.38	99.87		
0.39	64.71	0.79	78.12	1.19	88.54	1.59	95.33	1.99	98.78	2.39	99.88		

\*For Q values less than zero, subtract the table value from 100 to obtain PWL